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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE TAMIL NADU MINOR MINERAL CONCESSION RULES, 1959.

[G.O. Ms. No. 206, *Industries (MMC.1)*, 22nd November 2019,
கார்த்திகை 6, விகாரி, திருவன்னாவர் ஆண்டு-2050.]

No. SRO A- 42(b)/2019.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (1-A) of Section 15 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (Central Act 67 of 1957), the Governor of Tamil Nadu hereby makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Minor Mineral Concession Rules, 1959, namely:-

AMENDMENTS

In the said Rules, in rule 8-A,-

- (1) in sub-rule (2),-
 - (a) in clause (a),-
 - (i) for sub-clause (ii), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-
"(ii) The quarrying lease shall be granted to individuals or company or partnership firm.";
 - (ii) sub-clause (iii) shall be omitted;
 - (b) clause (b) shall be omitted;
 - (c) for clause (c), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
"(c) The minimum area that may be granted shall not be less than one hectare and the maximum area shall not exceed fifty hectares.";

(2) in sub-rule (4), in clause (b), for sub-clause (ii), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(ii) a demand draft for Rs.25,00,000 (Rupees Twenty Five lakhs) towards earnest money deposit;”;

(3) in sub-rule (6),-
 (a) in clause (a), in sub-clause (i), for the expression “Rs.1,00,000”, the expression “Rs.25,00,000” shall be substituted;
 (b) in clause (b), for sub-clause (iii), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(iii) Where the receipt of total number of tender-cum auction applications are less than three, auction process shall be annulled and recommended for retender for one time within one month”;

(4) for sub-rule (7), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(7) The District Collector after the conclusion of the auction-cum-tender procedures, shall forward all the applications received to the State Government through the Director of Geology and Mining. He shall prepare a tabular statement for each area notified indicating the applications received in the tender and the bids given in the auction separately with the amount offered by the tenderer or bidder concerned and forward the same within a week with the original applications with the documents relating to the auction and tender proceedings and his recommendations on the reasonableness of the highest bid or tender amount fetched in the said proceedings and specifying the conditions that should be laid down for the grant of quarry lease and with a copy of the draft lease deed in the Form in Appendix-I to these rules or in a Form nearer thereto as circumstances of each case may require and a certified copy of the map of the surveyed and demarcated area proposed to be granted on lease. On receipt of the proposal from the District Collector, the Director of Geology and Mining shall forward the same to the State Government with his recommendations.”

(5) in sub-rule (8),-
 (a) in clause (a),-
 (i) for sub-clause (ii), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(ii) The State Government shall communicate its decision to grant the lease for the precise area directing to remit the balance amount indicated in the order of the State Government in the District Treasury concerned and to submit the original chalan to the State Government within one month from the date of receipt of such communication and to submit the approved mining plan as per rule 12 of the Granite Conservation and Development Rules, 1999 to the State Government within a period of three months from the date of receipt of the communication from the State Government.”;

(ii) sub-clause (iii) shall be omitted;
 (iii) in sub-clause (iv), for the expression “referred to in sub-clauses (ii) and (iii)”, the expression “referred to in sub-clause (ii)” shall be substituted;

(b) for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(b) Where the State Government is satisfied that the highest amount offered by the applicant is not reasonable in the circumstances of the case and that it will not be in the interest of mineral development to grant the lease to the said applicant, an order refusing to grant the lease to the applicant shall be passed by the State Government, communicating the reasons therefor to the applicant.”;

(6) in sub-rule (9),-
 (a) in clause (b), the expression “or Rs.20,000 (Rupees twenty thousand only) whichever is higher” shall be omitted;
 (b) for clause (g), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-
 “(g) The lessee shall remove and transport the mineral from the leasehold area after obtaining transport permit from the District Collector concerned or any Officer authorised by him in this behalf and complying with the other conditions stipulated in these rules.”;

(c) for clause (h), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(h) The lessee shall keep correct accounts showing the quantity and other particulars of all minerals quarried and transported from the quarry site. The lessee shall also allow any officer authorised by the State Government or the Director of Geology and Mining or the District Collector in this behalf to inspect the quarry and verify his records and accounts and furnish such information and returns as may be required by him.”

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